

You're Invited!

# The Advisory Bid and Commodity (ABC) Committee



## Who:

Food service personnel from districts around Montana are invited to join the ABC Committee.

## What:

The ABC Committee, established in the fall of 2002, serves as the voice of Montana school food service programs in decisions regarding items offered through both the Commodity Food Distribution Program (USDA Foods) and the Office of Public Instruction Cooperative Purchase Program (OPI Bid). Committee members help decide types of foods offered through USDA Foods, processing of USDA Foods (examples include ground beef processed into patties), specifications and types of foods offered through the OPI Bid, and delivery schedules and/or frequency of deliveries for both USDA Foods and the OPI Bid. With the implementation of the new school meal patterns, products offered through both programs must meet specific criteria for: sodium, saturated fat, added sugar, whole grain, component crediting, price, eye appeal, taste and availability.

## Where:

The ABC Committee meets in three regional locations: Miles City, Great Falls, and Missoula. Each member selects which regional location they would like to attend. The committee also meets annually at the Montana School Nutrition Association (SNA) summer conference.

## When:

Each regional committee meets twice a year (in the fall and spring); and then together at the annual SNA summer conference.

## Benefits of Membership:

- ⇒ Help select items that meet meal pattern specifications
- ⇒ Help select products that meet your budget
- ⇒ Learn more about how the OPI Bid and USDA Foods programs work
- ⇒ Learn best practices from your peers
- ⇒ Stay up to date on school nutrition policy
- ⇒ Designated time for Q&A

**If you are interested, please fill out and return the attached form, or contact:**

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## ABC Committee Member Application

Check one:

I am interested in learning more about serving on the committee.

I am interested in serving on the committee. (Please circle the meeting location you would like to attend)

Miles City

Great Falls

Missoula

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title/Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that my commitment includes attendance at the two regional meetings (spring and fall) and one meeting at the annual school food service conference in June. I understand that my dedication to communication and cooperation is essential for the success of this committee.*

### Please Return To:

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School Nutrition Programs

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Thank you for your application! We appreciate your interest in school food service in Montana and will contact you as soon as we receive your application.